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OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INFORMAL REMARKS BY CHARGE AT
COMMEMORATION NOV. 15 AT FRIENDSHIP HOUSE ON THE
OCCASION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF U.S-USSR RELATIONS:

MR CHARIMAN, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

IN HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT KALININ SUGGESTING THT TALKS WHICH
LED TO THE EXTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.
AND THE SOVIET UNION, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID: "DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN
GREAT COUNTRIES CAN BE REOMOVED ONLY BY FRANK, FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS."

THE 40-YEAR HISTORY OF OUR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP HAS PROVEN THE
IMOORTANCE OF A CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO GIVERNMENTS. AT
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TIMES THAT DIALOGUE HAS BEEN MORE FRANK THAN FRIENDLY. AND NEITHER

SIDE WOULD PRETEND THAT DIALOGUE ALONE CAN SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN US. BUT I AM SURE BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT WITHOUT DIALOGUE WE CANNOT HOPE TO SOLVE THEM. MR CHAIRMAN, IT IS THROUGH THE HOSPITALITY OF YOUR INSITITUE THAT WE CAN MARK HERE TODAY THE FOUR DECADES OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IN A RECENT ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL OF DR. ARBATOV'S INSTITUTE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WAS CALLED "AN ACT OF POLITICAL REALISM." IT IS EQUALLY TRUE THAT THE TRANSFORMATION FO THOSE RELATIONS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS BEEN AN ACT OF POLITICAL REALISM. JOINTLY WE HAVE DECIDED ON A NEW APPROACH TO OUR PROBLEMS. AS PRESIDENT NIXON AS DESCRIBED IT, " OUR DIFFERENCES COULD NOT BE HIDEEN MERELY BY EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL; THEY COULD ONLY BE RESOLVED

BY PRECISE SOLUTIONS OF MAJOR ISSUES." THAT APPROACH HAS ALREADY BROUGHT CONCRETE BENEFIST, INCLUDING ABOVE ALL THE TWO AGREEMENTS TO LIMIT STRATEGIC ARMS SIGNED IN THIS CITY A YEAR AND A HALF AGO.

THERE ARE OTHER IMPORTANT WAYS IN WHICH OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED:

--WE HAVE AGREED TO A SET OF PRINCIPLES WHICH COMMIT US TO CONDUCT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF RESTRAINT AND MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION AND TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER SO THAT CONFLICTS OR SITUATIONS WILL NOT ARISE WHICH WOULD INCREASE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS.

IN THIS REGARD, SOVIET-U.S. COOPERATION IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF OCTOBER 22, WHICH PROVIDED A BASIS FOR STOPPING THE FIGHTING IN THE MIDDLE WAST, WAS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV SIGNED IN MOSCOW.

--WE HAVE ESTABLISHED FORMAL COOPERATION IN A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC AREAS, FROM THE EXPLORATION OF SPACE TO RESEARCH ON CANCER. JUST THIS WEEK IN MOSCOW THE JOINT U.S.-SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE IS HOLDING ITS FIRST MEETING. THE MEETING IS A RESULT OF THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE SIGNED DURING GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNE UNCLASSIFIED

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V'S
VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES LAST JUNE.

--WE HAVE LAUNCHED MAJOR EFFORTS TO RAISE OUR ECONOMIC TIES TO A LEVEL WHICH IS FITTING FOR TWO COUNTRIES WITH SUCH GREAT ECONOMIC RESOURCES. RECENTLY, MY GOVERNMENT OPENED ITS FIRST COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN MOSCOW, AND THIS WEEK SOVIET ECONOMIC OFFICIALS ARE CONFERRING WITH

A HIGH-LEVEL TRADE MISSION FROM THE U.S. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO REMOVE BARRIERS WHICH HAVE IMPEDED A NORMAL TRADING RELATIONSHIP IN THE PAST AND WE WILL PERSIST IN OUR EFFORTS TO DO SO.

THESE CHANGES IN THE CHARACTER OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP ARE CHANGES FOR THE BETTER. OUR MUTIAL TASK IS TO CONSOLIDATE THEM BECAUSE

A LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONSHIP SEFVES THE LARGER INTEREST OF A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD.

THE U.S. APPROACHES THAT TASK IN THE KNOWLEDGE TATT DETENTE DOES NOT MEAN THAT OUR DIFFERENCES WILL MAGICALLY DISAPPEAR. AS SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID JUST A FEW DAYS AGO: "WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT DETENTE IS NECESSARY PRECISELY BECAUSE WE HAVE OPPOSING INTERESTS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD AND TOTALLY DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS." WHAT WE CAN REALISTICALLY HOPE TO DO, IN MY VIEW, IS REGULATE OUR INTERESTS SO THAT

THEY DO NOT CLASH AND ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS BY WHICH OUR SOCIAL SYSTEMS CAN NOT ONLY COEXIST, BUT COOPERATE.

IN A NUCLEAR WORLD THERE IS NO RATIONAL ALTERNATIVE TO PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION. THAT GOAL IS THE MAJOR OPPORTUNITY AND THE MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AS THEY ENTER THEIR FIFTH DECADE. THE WORLD AND ITS PROBLEMS HAVE CHANGED A GREAT DEAL SINCE 1933. WE MUST ADDRESS OURSELVES NOT ONLY TO THOSE ISSUES WHICH AFFECT US IMMEDIATELY AND DIRECTLY BUT ALSO TO THOSE WHICH WILL WEIGH HEAVILY ON GENERATIONS YET TO COME. ALTHOUGH THIS PLANET EARTH IS BUT A TINY SPECK IN THIS VAST UNIVERSE, IT IS A VERY SPECIAL AND VERY PRECIOUS PLACE. LET US MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT UNCLASSIFIED

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REMAINS SO FOR UNBORN GENERATIONS.

THUS, THE WORDS OUR LEADERS EXCHANGED IN 1933 CONTINUE TO APPLY TODAY. THE U.S. CONTIUES TO HOPE, AS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID JUST 40 YEARS AGO, "THAT THE RELATIONS NOW ESTABLISHED BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES MAY FOREVER EMAIN NORMAL AND FRIENDLY AND THAT OUR NATIONS HENCEFORTH MAY COOPERATE FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE

PEACE OF THE WORLD."
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